

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the specification:

[0] This application is a continuation of pending US patent application serial number 10/374,239, filed February 25, 2003, of the same title and by the same inventor. The content of that application is incorporated by reference and priority is claimed therein.

Please replace paragraph [9] with the following amended paragraph:

[9] The nut-receiving space is established by forming in the socket body an annulus, the center of which is off the centerline of the socket body. The socket body may be cylindrical or polygonal. A portion of the circumference of the wall of the annulus is removed through the entire length and through the thinner portion of the annulus wall to form a slot therein. The width of the slot is selectable but of a size sufficient to allow a pipe or tube to pass there through. A nut capturing region is established adjacent to a first face of the socket body. The nut capturing region is formed in the thicker portion of the annulus wall [[at]] adjacent to that first face. The opposing face of the socket body includes a driver port for receiving a socket driver. The driver port is located in the thicker portion of the annulus wall.

Please replace paragraph [22] with the following amended paragraph:

[22] The socket 10 includes a socket body with a receiving slot 17 through the socket body. The receiving slot 17 permits a supply tube 18 to pass there through without inhibiting the interior of the socket body adjacent to the first face 11 from contacting one or more nuts associated with securing the supply tube 18 to a faucet stem 19 of a faucet 20 at the underside of the basin enclosure 13. In particular and as to be described with respect to the other figures, the interior of the socket body is configured to: 1) capture and rotate a supply tube nut 21 associated with securing the supply tube 18 to the faucet stem 19; 2) capture and rotate a faucet stem retaining nut 22 associated with securing the faucet 20 to the underside of the basin enclosure 13; or 3) a combination of the two. Thus, the socket 10 may be employed to cause rotation of the faucet stem retaining nut 22 and/or the supply tube nut 21 without interference from the supply tube 18 and within the confined space associated with an area such as the basin enclosure 13. The arrangement of the interior of the socket 10 including the receiving slot 17 and the position of the socket driver port 16 as described herein [[that]] enable that capability.

Please replace paragraph [26] with the following amended paragraph:

[26] As illustrated in FIG. 4, the opposing second face 12 includes the socket driver port 16 for receiving a socket driver or other device suitable for causing rotation of any of the opposing face socket configurations of the present invention. The port 16 includes a port centerline 41 that is offline from the socket body centerline [[41]] 40. That positioning permits formation and positioning of the slot 17 for retaining a supply tube and for location of the nut receiving region without placing the socket driver port 16 outside of the dimensions or footprint of the socket body itself. That allows nut retention within the socket body without reducing significantly the mechanical advantage otherwise achieved by positioning the rotational device directly inline with the socket body centerline 40 of the socket body. Prior socketed wrench devices having the rotational component outside of the dimensions or footprint of the socket suffer loss of rotational leverage.